

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 925

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Tennessee State Bass Championship Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations to recognize the many thousands of Tennessee residents and visitors who enjoy the activity of fishing and to honor those competitions that annually showcase those individuals with exceptional angling proficiency; and

WHEREAS, fishing is a time-honored tradition for individuals and families alike, and it provides access to the radiant natural beauty of the State, a beauty found on the waterways that ripple across the landscape of Tennessee's varied terrain; and

WHEREAS, there is one lake, located near the center of Tennessee, that is exceptionally qualified to host an event that serves to illuminate the finest anglers in the State and the nation. Center Hill Lake in Smithville, which plays host to the Tennessee State Bass Championship Tournament, mirrors the topography of Tennessee, with its northern banks resembling the magnificent rivers and lowland lakes of West Tennessee, its central region harkening to the aquatic regions of Middle Tennessee, and its southern stretches bringing to mind the highland reservoir contours of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Putnam, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating and promoting leadership, will host this annual fishing tournament; and

WHEREAS, there exists no other statewide fishing tournament pitting angler against angler for the title of Tennessee State Champion and the prestigious Governor's Cup trophy; and

WHEREAS, as an annual event, this fishing tournament will increase awareness and appreciation for the beauty of the outdoors and the togetherness the sport of fishing brings to family and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby recognize and honor the Tennessee State Bass Championship Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.